

**In the Specification**

**Please amend Paragraph [0004] as indicated below:**

[0001]        A fuel tank is formed by a blow molding apparatus and method wherein a blow pin is communicated with an interior of a parison received in a blow mold so the parison may be blown to shape within the mold cavity by introduction of a pressurized gas from the blow pin into the interior of the parison. When the blow pin is no longer needed, it is retracted from the mold and a pinch plate assembly is used to close off the opening in the molded part created by the blow pin. The pinch plate assembly may also remove flash to reduce or ~~illuminate~~ **eliminate** downstream processing operations. Thereafter, the mold may be opened and the molded part removed, the pinch plate assembly moved back to its retracted position, and the blow pin may be advanced into the open mold for use with a subsequent parison so that a subsequent parison can be blow molded in the same manner.